UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS NORTHERN DIVISION

SHUNDA WILKINS, DIANN GRAHAM, and DAVID WATSON on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 3:20-cv-00116-DPM

VS.

SIMMONS BANK,

Defendant.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS AND SUGGESTION OF MOOTNESS

Plaintiffs hereby file this response to Defendant's motion to dismiss (Dkt. No. 9).

- 1. In response to Defendant's motion, Plaintiffs timely filed an amended complaint pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(1)(B).
- 2. This Court has consistently recognized that "[a]n original complaint is superseded by the filing of an amended complaint and will no longer have any legal effect." *See Avery v. Brown*, 2012 WL 12893867, at *3 (E.D. Ark. Mar. 21, 2012); Fed. R. Civ. P. 15. Because the original complaint no longer has any legal effect, motions to dismiss aimed at the original complaint are routinely denied as moot. *See Avery*, 2012 WL 12893867, at *3; *First Community Bank v. Wootton New Holland, LLC*, 2017 WL 11285590, at *1 (E.D. Ark. Mar. 30, 2017) ("In the light of the filing of the amended complaint, the Court denies the first motion to dismiss as moot") (citing *Pure Country, Inc. v. Sigma Chi Fraternity*, 312 F.3d 952, 956 (8th Cir. 2002)). *See also Old Republic Nat'l Title Ins. Co. v. Greene County Abstract & Title Co.*, 2009 WL

2913511, at *1 (E.D. Ark. Sept. 8, 2009) (same); *Valor Healthcare, Inc. v. Pinkerton*, 2008 WL 4079284, at *1 (W.D. Ark. Aug. 28, 2008) (same).

3. Therefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter an order finding Defendant's motion to dismiss the original complaint moot.

Dated: June 29, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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